This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-30 (canceled).

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method ~~for use in a conditional access system, in which a first scrambled broadcast stream is transmitted to a first decoder by a first service provider in a first region and a second scrambled broadcast stream is transmitted to a second decoder by a second service provider in a second region different from said first region, said first and second decoders being operable to receive control messages including information for descrambling the first and second broadcast streams, the method~~ comprising:

~~the second service provider~~ receiving, at a second service provider, ~~from a user~~ a user request for ~~access~~ transmission of control messages to a second decoder over a roaming network in a second region, wherein the control messages are configured to descramble~~to the~~ a program included in a scrambled broadcast stream broadcast by the second service provider over the roaming network~~second broadcast stream at the second decoder~~;

~~the second service provider~~ in response to the request, checking whether ~~the user is authorised to access the second broadcast stream by checking that~~ a subscription arrangement exists between ~~the~~ a user associated with the user request and ~~the~~ a first service provider configured to broadcast over a home network in a first region different from the second region, wherein the subscription arrangement enables roaming; and

~~in the event the user is authorized to access the second broadcast stream~~if the subscription arrangement exists, ~~the second service provider~~ transmitting the control messages from the second service provider to ~~said~~ the second decoder ~~separately from the second broadcast stream~~.

Claim 32 (previously presented): A method according to claim 31, wherein said control messages are alone sufficient to descramble said second broadcast stream.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A method comprising:

transmitting a second scrambled broadcast stream from a second service provider in a second region to a second decoder and transmitting a first scrambled broadcast stream to a first decoder from a first service provider in a first region different from the second region, wherein said first and second decoders are configured to receive control messages including information for descrambling the first and second scrambled broadcast streams;

receiving, at the second service provider, a user request for accessing the second scrambled broadcast stream at the second decoder;

checking whether a user associated with the user request is authorized to access the second scrambled broadcast stream by checking that a subscription arrangement exists between the user and the first service provider;

in the event the user is authorized to access the second broadcast stream, transmitting the control messages from the second service provider to said second decoder; and~~A method according to claim 31, further comprising~~

denying a service to the first decoder while the control messages are being sent to the second decoder.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein the control messages comprise entitlement control messages, and the first decoder further receives entitlement management messages for providing subscription information, wherein denying a service to the first decoder comprises removing the entitlement management messages.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein the control messages comprise entitlement control messages, and the first decoder further receives entitlement management messages for providing subscription information, wherein denying a service to the first decoder comprises sending entitlement management messages that indicate that subscription rights are not available in the first region while the user is roaming to the second region.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A method according to claim 31, wherein the first decoder is arranged to receive the control messages ~~transmitted~~ with the first broadcast stream and the second decoder is arranged to receive the control messages separate from the second broadcast stream.

Claim 37 (previously presented): A method according to claim 31, wherein the first decoder is associated with a first smart card, and a user uses a second smart card to request access to the second broadcast stream at the second decoder.

Claim 38 (canceled).

Claim 39 (currently amended): ~~A conditional access system,~~An apparatus comprising:

~~a first decoder for receiving a first scrambled broadcast stream from a first service provider in a first region;~~

~~a second decoder for receiving a second scrambled broadcast stream from a second service provider in a second region different from said first region, said first and second decoders being operable to receive control messages including information for descrambling the first and second broadcast streams, the system further comprising:~~

a subscription ~~authorisation~~ authorization module configured to enable ~~the~~ a second service provider to check if a user is ~~authorised~~ authorized to access ~~the~~ a second scrambled broadcast stream ~~at the second decoder~~ at a second decoder,

wherein the check is performed in response to a request, from the user, for ~~access~~ transmission of control messages to the second decoder, wherein the control messages are configured to descramble a program included in the second scrambled broadcast stream~~from the user~~,

wherein the second scrambled broadcast stream is configured for transmission from the second service provider to the second decoder over a roaming network in a second region, wherein the second service provider is different from a first service provider configured to transmit a first scrambled broadcast stream carrying the program to a first decoder over a home network in a first region different from the second region; and

~~in the event that access is authorised,~~ a transmitter for transmitting the control messages to the second decoder if access is authorized ~~separately from the second broadcast stream~~,

wherein the first and second decoders are operable to receive the control messages including information for descrambling the first and second scrambled broadcast streams, and

wherein the subscription authorization module is ~~operable~~ configured to check that a subscription arrangement enabling roaming exists between the user and the first service provider to determine whether the user is ~~authorised~~ authorized to access the second scrambled broadcast stream at the second decoder.

Claim 40 (currently amended): ~~A system~~An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the first decoder is associated with a first smart card and the subscription ~~authorisation~~ authorization module is arranged to receive a request from a second smart card at the second decoder.

Claim 41 (currently amended): ~~A system~~An apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the first smart card is a software smart card.

Claim 42 (currently amended): ~~A system~~An apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the first smart card is a virtual smart card.

Claim 43 (currently amended): ~~A system~~An apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the second smart card is a software smart card.

Claim 44 (currently amended): ~~A system~~An apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the second smart card is a virtual smart card.

Claim 45 (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:

a subscription authorization module configured to enable a second service provider to check if a user is authorized to access a second scrambled broadcast stream at a second decoder,

wherein the check is performed in response to a request, from the user, for transmission of control messages to the second decoder, wherein the control message are configured to descramble a program included in the second scrambled broadcast stream,

wherein the second scrambled broadcast stream is configured for transmission from the second service provider to the second decoder over a roaming network in a second region,

wherein the second service provider is different from a first service provider configured to transmit a first scrambled broadcast stream carrying the program to a first decoder over a home network in a first region different from the second region;

a transmitter for transmitting the control messages to the second decoder if access is authorized; and

~~A system according to claim 39, further comprising means~~ an access prevention module configured to prevent~~for preventing~~ the first decoder from accessing the first scrambled broadcast stream when the control messages are transmitted to the second broadcast stream,

wherein the subscription authorization module is operable to check that a subscription arrangement enabling roaming exists between the user and the first service provider to determine whether the user is authorized to access the second scrambled broadcast stream at the second decoder.

Claim 46 (currently amended): ~~A system~~ An apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the ~~preventing means~~ access prevention module comprises means for removing ~~the user's~~ subscription rights of the user through entitlement control messages sent to the first decoder.

Claim 47 (currently amended): ~~A system~~ An apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the access prevention module ~~preventing means~~ comprises means for removing the entitlement control messages sent to the first decoder.